

AN UNEASY PREDICAMENT.

We were the witnesses of a ludicrous incident which occurred in this city a few days since, for relating which we crave the indulgence of the gentlemen directly concerned—deeming it too good a joke to be lost.

While sitting at our desk and laboring assiduously with pen, scissors and paste, to make out a readable paper for our patrons, we were suddenly "frightened from our propriety" by the hearty entrance of a gentleman, exclaiming: "For God's sake, help me to see what's the matter! I've got some dreadful thing—scorpion or tarantula—in the leg of my pantaloons! Quick—quick—help me!"

We instantly rose from our chair, half-frightened ourselves. Our friend broke in so suddenly and unexpectedly upon us, and was so wonderfully agitated, that we knew not whether he was indeed in his senses or not. We looked at him with a sort of suspicion mixed with dread and hardly knew whether to speak with, or seize and confine him for a madman. The latter we came near attempting. There he stood quivering and pale, with one hand tightly grasped upon a part of his pantaloons just in the hollow of the knee.

"What's the matter?" at last asked we.

"The matter!" he exclaimed, "oh, help me, I've got something here, which just ran up my leg! Some infernal scorpion or lizard, I expect. Oh, I can't let it go; I must hold it. Ah, there!" he shrieked, "I felt it move just then! Oh, these pants without straps! I'll never wear another pair open at the bottom as long as I live. Ah! I feel it again!"

"Feel what?" we inquired, standing at the same time at a respectful distance from the gentleman; for we had just been reading our Corpus Christi correspondent's letter about snakes, lizards and tarantulas, and began to imagine some deadly insect or reptile in the leg of our friend's "unmentionables," as they are sometimes called.

"I don't know what it is," answered the gentleman, "help me to see what it is. I was just passing that pile of old rubbish which is in front of your office, and felt it dart up my leg as quick as lightning, and it stopped just here, where I have my hand, and he clench his fist still more tightly. If it had been the neck of an anaconda we believe he would have squeezed it to a jelly."

By this time two or three of the new boys had come in; the clerks and packing boys, hearing the outcry, stopped working, and editors and all hands stood around the sufferer with looks of mingled sympathy and alarm.

"Bring a chair, Fitz," said we, "and let the gentleman be seated."

"Oh, I can't sit!" said the gentleman; "I can't bend my knee!—if I do, it will bite or sting me; no, I can't sit!"

"Certainly you can sit," said we; "keep your leg straight out, and we'll see what it is you've got."

"Well, let me give it one more hard squeeze; I'll crush it to death," said he, and again he put the force of an iron vice upon the thing. If he had had any life by this time, this last effort must have killed it. He then cautiously seated himself, holding out his leg as still and straight as a poker. A sharp knife was produced; the pants were cut open carefully, making a hole large enough to admit a hand; the gentleman put on a thick glove and slowly inserted his hand, but he discovered nothing. We were all looking on in almost breathless silence to see the monstrous thing—whatever it might be; each ready to scamp off upon his heels as soon as he saw the thing. When suddenly the gentleman became more agitated than ever. "By heavens!" he exclaimed, "it's inside my drawers. It's alive too—I feel it! Quick!—give me the knife again!" Another incision was made. In went the gentleman's gloved hand once more, and, lo! out came—his wife's stocking!

How the stocking ever got there we are unable to say; but there it certainly was, and such a laugh as followed, we haven't heard for many a day. Our friend, we know, has told the joke himself, and must pardon us for doing so. This is all about a stocking, we assure our readers it is no "yarn."

"D—n the North Pole!"

A correspondent of the Boston Atlas recalls an anecdote, in which the late Rev. Sydney Smith figures to more advantage than in his American stock operations.

The Reverend formed one of a party at which a Mr. B. was present—and interminable bore, who read, thought and talked of nothing but the North Pole, Arctic voyages and polar navigators. On the evening referred to Mr. B., as usual, commenced riding his pole, and so perseveringly did he bore a gentleman near him with it, that the tormented man, in an agony of irritation, exclaimed, to the wonder and horror of Mr. B., "Damn the North Pole!" Shocked beyond measure at such blasphemy, Mr. B. sat sullenly and sullenly, when he was observed by Sydney Smith, who inquired what ailed him.

"Why," said Mr. B., in reply, "Mr. So-and-so has behaved abominably, sir. What do you think he said?"

"Don't know—he's had enough for anything," was Smith's reply. "What was it, pray?"

"Why," said Mr. B., lifting up his eyes in horror—"he damned the North Pole!"

"Oh!" said Mr. Smith, "never mind him, it's a sad way he's got. Do you know, Mr. B.?" and here Sydney Smith, with a look of pious horror depicted on his countenance, exclaimed, *ad vocem*, "do you know, sir, that a few hours ago I actually heard him speak disrespectfully of the Equator!"

The following is attributed to one Mr. Jones; we find it in the Cincinnati Chronicle:

Jones was on a steamboat above St. Louis not long since, when a raw Hoosier came aboard. At night the Hoosier turned into his berth with his boots on. The steward seeing this, said, "Sir you have lain down in your boots."

The raw one raised his head, and looking down at the boots, innocently replied, "Well, it was't them 'em; they aint the best I've got."

WILMINGTON MARKET.

WHOLESALE PRICES—Nov. 12, 1845.

|                            |          |          |
|----------------------------|----------|----------|
| Bacon—Hams,                | 84 a     | 10       |
| Middlings,                 | 84 a     |          |
| Shoulders,                 | 74 a     |          |
| Western,                   | 74 a     |          |
| Beef—Wax,                  | 16 a     | 25       |
| Butter,                    | 6 00 a   | 8 00     |
| Beef, bbl. prime,          | 4 50 a   | 6 50     |
| Corn,                      | 65 a     | 75       |
| Meal,                      | 65 a     | 75       |
| Coffee,                    | 8 a      | 9        |
| Cotton,                    | 5 a      | 54       |
| Cashmere, tallow,          | 12 a     | 14       |
| Sp. Turp.                  | 30 a     | 35       |
| Feathers,                  | 30 a     | 35       |
| Flour,                     | 5 50 a   | 6 00     |
| Hat, Northern, per 100 lbs | 60 a     | 65       |
| Iron,                      | 4 75 a   | 5 50     |
| Lard,                      | 9 a      | 10       |
| Western,                   | 6 a      | 06 7     |
| Lime, Thomstown,           | 1 00 a   | 1 50     |
| Lumber—Steam mill,         |          |          |
| W. boards, plank & scant.  | 12 00 a  | 13 00    |
| Quarter flooring,          |          | 14 00    |
| Bill lumber extra prices,  |          |          |
| River, Flooring boards,    | 13 00 a  | 14 00    |
| Wide,                      | 6 50 a   | 7 00     |
| Scantling,                 | 6 00 a   | 6 50     |
| Timber,                    | 6 00 a   | 7 00     |
| Molasses,                  | 28 a     | 31       |
| Mackerel, No 1 retail,     | 14 a     | 00 00    |
| " 2,                       | 12 a     | 00 00    |
| " 3,                       | 10 a     | 00 00    |
| Nails,                     | 5 a      | 54       |
| Naval Stores, soft, Turp.  |          | 3 55     |
| Virgin dip,                |          |          |
| hard,                      | 1 75 a   |          |
| Tar,                       | 1 65 a   | 1 70     |
| Pitch,                     | 80 a     | 1 00     |
| Rosin No. 1,               | 1 25 a   | 1 50     |
| " 2,                       | 75 a     |          |
| " 3,                       | 60 a     | 65       |
| Sp. Turp.                  | 50 a     | 55       |
| Oil, Sp. Turp.             | 70 a     | 75       |
| Black eye,                 | 70 a     | 75       |
| Cow,                       | 60 a     | 70       |
| Pork,                      | 14 00 a  | 15 00    |
| fresh,                     | 5 00 a   |          |
| Rice,                      | 4 50 a   | 4 75     |
| Cough, ugh                 | 1 00 a   | 1 12 1/2 |
| SALT, Turke Island, bushel | 28 a     | 30       |
| Liverpool, sack,           | 1 20 a   | 1 30     |
| Soap,                      | 4 a      | 6        |
| Shingles, country,         | 2 50 a   | 2 75     |
| contract,                  | 3 50 a   | 4 00     |
| SHIMMERS, Northern Balm,   | 30 a     | 33       |
| Gin,                       | 30 a     | 35       |
| Whiskey,                   | 25 a     | 27       |
| STEEL,                     | 12 1/2 a | 25       |
| STAVES, W. O. Hhd. rough,  | 12 00 a  | 15 00    |
| dressed,                   | 20 00    |          |
| R. O. Hhd. rough,          | 9 00 a   | 10 00    |
| dressed,                   | 18 00 a  | 19 00    |
| SUGAR, West India,         | 8 a      | 9        |
| New Orleans,               | 7 a      | 8        |
| leaf                       | 12 a     | 15       |
| TALLOW,                    | 7 a      | 8        |
| Tobacco, leaf,             | none     |          |
| VANILLA,                   | 20 a     | 22       |
| WINE, Madeira,             | 70 a     | 3 00     |
| Port,                      | 20 a     | 25       |
| Malaga,                    | 40 a     | 50       |

BANK RATES OF EXCHANGE, WILMINGTON.

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| Bank checks on Philadelphia, | pr. ct. prem |
| " New York,                  | "            |
| " Boston,                    | "            |

WILMINGTON MARKET—Nov. 13.

The rivers still continue low with little prospect of rain, and consequently little produce arriving. Our report this week will be brief.

NAVAL STORES—Turpentine has sold during the past week principally at \$3.50, closing this morning at \$3.55. There is little coming in, and prices will be fully sustained during the coming week. Tur—Little coming to market, and selling at \$1.65 to \$1.70. Rosin—No sales to report. Common is held at 60 to 65c. Spirits Turpentine—Last sales 50c; asked 55c.

TIMBER & LUMBER—The timber which we noticed in our last report as still remaining unsold, has all changed hands since this day week, and the market is now almost literally bare of the article. Very little has arrived within the last few days, on account of the low state of the river. The last sales of Mill Timber were made at from \$6 to \$7. This we put as the market price for a fair article. River Lumber—But very little of this article has come down since our last report. Last sales of Flooring boards were made at \$11. We put the present market price at \$13 to \$14. Wide boards in demand—last sales \$7. Scantling—last sales \$6 to \$6.50; would command a shade over this mark—none in market.

CORN—Scarce, no arrivals since our last report. Held in store at 75c.

RICE—No sales that we have heard of have been made during the last few days—retailing by the single sack at \$4.75. Rough Rice we quote at our last report.

GROUND PEAS—This article is coming freely to market, and has been sold at prices ranging from 70 to 75c. Last sales have been (this morning) at 70 and 72c for a good article. Black Eye Peas are worth 70 to 75c.

SHINGLES—None in market. Last sales (on yesterday), \$2.75—would bring a shade over this mark we think.

STAVES—None in market and in demand. Last sales \$19.00 for R. O. hhd., dressed—would command above this mark if brought down.

50 NEGROES

For Sale.

ON THE first Monday in January next, about 50 VALUABLE NEGROES will be offered for sale, at Public Auction, at the North-western intersection of Front and Market streets, in the town of Wilmington.

Much the greater proportion of these Negroes are able bodied Men and Boys, accustomed to Rice-field work, and they are all enured to this climate.

A credit of six and twelve months will be given. Purchasers will be required to give notes with good and sufficient security, to meet the amount of the purchase money, which are to be approved at Bank, to be renewed every ninety days, and the accruing interest paid, and at the expiration of the credits as above, they will then be collected by instalments, according to the usage and requirements of the Banks in this place.

SALLY T. COWAN, Executrix.

The "Petersburg Intelligencer," "Charleston Courier," and "Augusta (Ga.) Chronicle," will publish the above in their tri-weekly papers until day of sale, send bills to this office, and send a copy of their papers containing advertisement to the Executrix.

S. T. C., Ex.

November 14th, 1845.

TAILORING.

THE undersigned has recently returned to Wilmington from Europe, via New York, and would now inform his old customers, friends, and the public in general, that he is to be found for the present at the shop of Daniel Fergus, where he will carry on the TAILORING BUSINESS as formerly, and hopes they will renew their favors to him.

He will not boast of being "the best" Tailor in Wilmington, only that he calls himself fully equal to any, and this may be proved by trying him.

Nov. 14, [9-3] C. ERHART.

MANTUA-MAKING.

MRS. PRICE would inform the ladies of Wilmington and its vicinity, that she will execute work in the above line, on reasonable terms. Residence over the JOURNAL OFFICE, November 7, 1845.

R. O. HED. STAVES WANTED.

Proposals will be received by the subscriber, until the first of January next, for the delivery of R. O. HED. STAVES of the following dimensions, viz: to be plumb, 44 inches long, not less than 3 inches wide, averaging 3 1/2 inches, not under one inch thick, and well dressed.

The delivery can commence immediately, and continue during the next spring and summer. Persons proposing will state the quantity they will deliver, and their lowest price. Also their lowest price for Rough Staves that will dress down to the above dimensions. Proposals either verbal or addressed in writing to the subscriber, will receive attention.

G. W. DAVIS.

Oct. 17th, '45.

MOLASSES.

60 HHDS. good retailing Molasses. For sale by BROWN & DEROSSET.

Oct 31 7-3t

For Sale.

THE LOT whereon Jones' Hotel stood, near the Rail Road Depot. For particulars, enquire of O. G. PARLEY.

Oct 31. 7-2t

THE FRANKLIN HOTEL.

IS still occupied by Mrs. A. J. BATTIE, whose health has been restored, and who will give her personal attention to providing for her table and the general comfort of all her boarders, either regular or transient.

She hopes her endeavors to please will secure her a share of the public patronage.

Her friends in the country will always find a home at the Franklin Hotel.

Sack Salt and Molasses, DAILY EXPECTED.

1000 Sacks Liverpool Salt, 50 hhds Trinidad Molasses. For sale by BARRY & BRYANT.

Cornelius Myers.

FASHIONABLE HATTER, Market Street, Wilmington, N. C.

WOULD express his thanks to his friends and the public generally, for their liberal patronage the past year, and hopes by strict attention to his business, and efforts to please and suit the taste of all who may favor him with their custom, to merit a continuance of the same. He would respectfully call the attention of the public to his large and well selected stock of

Hats and Caps.

got up expressly for this market, and warranted for cheapness, durability and beauty, not to be surpassed. His assortment will at all times be found full and complete, consisting of Gent's Beaver, Nutria, Brush and Russia Hats, fine Mohair, Silk, and Angola Sporting Hats, of every variety of shape and quality. A splendid assortment of

CAPS; Fur, Broadcloth, Fur bands, Silk Velvet, fine Cloth, Oil, Silk, Velveteen, Hair, Seal, &c. &c. Leather Hat Cases of every style; common do. 18 50.

A splendid assortment of Walking Canes, Hat Brushes, &c. Water Proof and Wool Hat, Plushes and others purchasing for negroes, will find it to their advantage to call and examine for themselves, before purchasing elsewhere.

Merchants furnished at New York prices.

N. B.—Cash paid for Old Mink, and Raccoon Skins. October 24, 1845. 6-tf

Paint Up! Faint Up!

THE SUBSCRIBERS, having opened a PAINT SHOP in the town of Wilmington, respectfully solicits the patronage of their friends and the public in general. Any person wishing to have PAINTING done, will please give us a call, as we are determined to work as CHEAP as any one else, and will use every exertion to give satisfaction to all who may favor us with a job. Shop in Ann, near Boundary street.

RICHARD SIMPSON, JAMES M. HILL.

Orders can be left with Messrs. Bishop & Jones, Mr. George Brown at E. Merriam's Carriage Repository, or at the Journal Office. 017—6tf

Fashionable Dry Goods.

THE subscriber has just opened in the town of Wilmington, on Market street, opposite the store of Samuel Shuter, Esq., a good assortment of Dry Goods, consisting in part of the following:

CLOTHS, CASSIMERES, SATINETTS, &c. A superior article of English and American wool-dyed black, blue, black, and invisible Cloths, from \$1.75 to \$8.00 per yard. Cassimere at various prices and patterns.

SATINETTS, black, blue, steel mixed, and fancy colors—some very superior.

CALICOES, &c. English and American prints of the most fashionable style and best quality. Cambrics, Lace, Muslins, &c. &c. bleached and brown of every description.

DOMESTIC GOODS. Mouslin DeLaine, Alpaca, Paris Reps, Merinos &c. &c. of very handsome style.

Shawls.—A variety of large Woollen, Merino, and dress shawls and capes.

THREAD, HOSIERY, &c. of all descriptions, and at very reduced prices.

HATS AND CAPS. Mens' fashionable Fur Hats, at various prices, with a variety of Cloth and Seal Caps, wool Hats, &c. &c.

Hardware and Cutlery. Plate, silver, spring and pad locks, hinges, screws, cart and wagon boxes, pocket and table cutlery, &c. &c.; with a variety of other articles too numerous to mention. The subscriber invites purchasers to call and see, as he is determined to sell as low as the market will afford, and will try to make it to their interest to patronize him.

S. R. ROBBINS, 7-4f

October 31, 1845

DE VASSAR & CO'S PALE AND AMBER ALE.

N hhds, bbls, and half-barrels, received directly from the Brewery, and constantly for sale by 017. [5-410tf] D. W. WOOD.

For Sale.

10 BBLs, and 10 half barrels superior family Flour, Feathers, Lime, and Molasses. For sale by C. D. ELLIS & CO.

NEW FALL AND WINTER GOODS.

William A. Williams' old stand Market St.

THE subscriber most respectfully informs the public that he has just returned from the North with a SPLENDID STOCK of BEST GOODS and

Ready-Made Clothing, of all descriptions.

Also.—A great variety of fancy articles. He offers his Goods at a very small advance on the cost, and solicits a call from those wishing to purchase any article in his line. Country Merchants especially would do well to call before buying elsewhere.

D. TELLER. 3-tf

October 3, 1845

Young Ladies School.

MISS CAROLINE O. FANNING, proposes to open a Select School, for the reception of Misses somewhat advanced in their studies. Her course of instruction will embrace all the branches of an English Education, including Mental and Natural Philosophy, Astronomy, Physiology, and Rhetoric.

From her long experience in her profession, Miss F. feels confident of giving satisfaction to those who may intrust Pupils to her care. Her school will commence early in October, in the Room on Northrop's Alley, where she may be consulted,—or at the house of P. W. FANNING, Oct. 10, 1845. 4-tf

HANOVER HOUSE.

THE SUBSCRIBER would inform his friends that he has taken this well known and popular HOTEL, and that he will be ready to receive Boarders on the 15th of October next.

His efforts to make his house agreeable to those who may patronize him, will be unremitting and assiduous. The Hanover House will be supplied with new furniture, clean beds, and attentive servants. In addition to this, he will be aided in the duties of superintending the "House," by an active and experienced man. His table will be supplied with every delicacy which this and the Charleston markets can afford.

JOHN S. JAMES, 1-4f

september 19, 1845.

CAROLINA HOTEL.

Market Street, WILMINGTON, N. C.

THE subscriber respectfully informs his friends and the public generally, that he has leased the above well known HOTEL, which he intends to have refitted and thoroughly cleaned by the 10th of October, when and where he will be thankful for a liberal patronage. The commodious and airy situation of the building, together with its locality, makes it a very desirable house for the stranger, whether on pleasure or business.

He feels thankful for the patronage heretofore bestowed upon him while proprietor of the Hanover House, and he assures the public that nothing on his part shall be wanting to make their stay pleasant and agreeable.

The BAR will be supplied with the best WINES and LIQUORS.

JOHN CHRISTIAN, 5-tf

N.B.—He will continue to occupy the Hanover House until the 10th of October.

30 BBLs. No. 1 Mulletts, (new) in store, and for sale by G. W. DAVIS. London's wharf. Oct 10, 1845

Red Ash Coal.

N hhds, and for sale C. D. ELLIS & CO. October 10, 1845

For sale.

A Second hand 2 1/2 horse power Steam Engine, in perfect order, having been but little used, and will be sold a bargain. Apply to 017. BARRY & BRYANT.

OLD FELLOWS' SCHOOL.

THIS Institution will be opened for the reception of Pupils, on Thursday, the 16th of October, under the superintendence of L. MEGINNEY, Esq., aided by competent male and female instructors. The terms for every branch of English education will be \$3 per quarter of eleven weeks. Tickets for Pupils may be obtained of Col. JOHN McRAE, at his office on the wharf.

ALEX. McRAE, HENRY NUTT, S. D. WALLACE, JOHN McRAE, W. E. ANDERSON, 3-tf

Wilmington, Oct. 3, 1845

Mackerel, Molasses, &c.

100 BBLs. No. 3 Mackerel, 47 hhds. Trinidad Molasses, 300 boxes Thomson Line 30 boxes and 10 half-barrels Soap, just received. For sale by BARRY & BRYANT.

REMOVAL.

THE subscribers have removed to the Store in LAZARUS' building, three doors above the Custom House, where they have on hand and for sale,

40 hhds. superior RED Ash Coal.

20 " unslacked Lime.

5 " Hair, for plastering.

10,000 Philadelphia Brick.

1,000 lbs. Live Geese Feathers.

017 C. D. ELLIS & CO.

Molasses and Sugar.

50 HHDS. TRINIDAD MOLASSES, a superior article, daily expected per scht. Valhalla from Boston.

6 hhds. St. Jago, in store.

10 hhds. Porto Rico Sugar. For sale by BARRY BRYANT, 017

Tobacco, Snuff & Cigars.

40 THOUSAND CIGARS, in boxes containing from 100 to 500, assorted qualities 2 half barrels Scotch Snuff, loose.

2 kegs " in half-pound papers, do. bladders.

5 half-barrels do. do.

1 barrel smoking Tobacco.

2 boxes superior do.

In store and for sale by 017 BARRY & BRYANT.

SACK SALT.

1750 SACKS Liverpool Salt, per brig Motto. For sale by BROWN & DEROSSET, Oct 31 [7-2t]

GUNNY BAGS.

2500 TWO Bushel Gunny Bags, just received, per brig Martha, from Boston. For sale by G. W. DAVIS.

NOTICE.

THE subscribers having been burned out by the late fire, would inform their friends that they have taken an Office, No 3, Lazzarus Block, up Stairs. BARRY & BRYANT. November 7, 1845

Time.

300 Cases fresh Thomson Line for sale by BARRY & BRYANT. November 7, 1845